

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 October 1956		2. LOCATION Presque Isle, Maine		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/2209Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		 <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two to three seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Easterly		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One orange-red, round object with a streamer the size of a dime at arm's length. Object's tail was same size as object proper & was tapered toward the rear. Object was initially sighted at 30dgr elevation in the north and traveled at great speed to the east where it dropped out of sight below the horizon. Object was viewed visually for 2 or three seconds.			11. COMMENTS Description of this sighting conforms to criteria for a meteor hypothesis.		

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Witness

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P 251730Z

FM COMDR 75TH FINCEPTRON PIAFB ME

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

RJEPSN/COMDR 32ND ADIV SYR AFS NY

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR INTELL HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

INFO ZEN/COMDR 23RD FTR GP PIAFB ME

ZEN/FLT 3-G 4602D AISS PIAFB ME

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/UNCLASSIFIED/75I 214-1. ATTN CIC EADF. UTOB THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, AFR 220-2: PART I (1)(A)
ROUND, WITH STREAMER BEHIND (B) DIME (C) ORANGE-RED, FLAME-COLOR (D)
ONE (E) N/A (F) NONE (G) TAIL, SAME SIZE, TAPERING TOWARD REAR (H)
NONE (I) APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING AT GREAT SPEED, ESTIMATED 1000
KNOTS (2)(A) FLASH IN SKY (B) 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TO THE NORTH
(C) DROPPED BELOW HORIZON (D) STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH, EAST TO WEST (E)
DROPPED BELOW HORIZON (F) APPROXIMATELY 2 OR 3 SECONDS (3)(A) GROUND-
VISUAL (B) NONE (C) N/A (4)(A) 242209 OCT 56 (B) DUSK (5) HKGB 5741,
PRESQUE ISLE AFB ME (6)(B) JAMES R. TURPEN, 1ST LT., 75TH FTR INTCP

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10,000' 320 AT 55, 16,000' 300 AT 65, 20,000' 290 AT 75, 30,000' 290
AT 70, 50,000' 290 AT 50, 80,000' 270 AT 25 (C) CLEAR (D) 20 MILES
(E) NONE (F) NEGATIVE (8) B-47'S WERE DROPPING CHAFF IN THE AREA AT
TIME OF SIGHTING CAA WEATHER STATION, CARIBOU, ME RELEASED BALLOON
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FOLLOWS: SUPERDUPER QUEBEC 1--2206, SUPERDUPER QUEBEC 2--2213, SUPER-
DUPER ROMEO 1--2257, SUPERDUPER ROMEO 2--2300, BENEFICIAL HOTEL
1--2209, BENEFICIAL 41--2214. LAST-NAMED AIRCRAFT WAS T-33 AIRCRAFT,
ALL OTHERS WERE F-89D AIRCRAFT. UPKEEP 41, B-52 AIRCRAFT, CANCELLED
IFR CLEARANCE OVER HOULTON ME AT 2201, LANDED AT LORING AFB ME AT
2309 (11) INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 75TH FTR INTCP SQDN. PRELIMINARY
ANALYSIS: NEGATIVE (12) NONE PART II (1)(A) ROUND (B) BASEBALL (C)
ORANGE-RED (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) NONE (G) TAIL STRETCHED OUT BEHIND
OBJECT (H) NONE (I) OBJECT TRAVELING QUITE FAST. DID NOT APPEAR T
BE METEOR DUE TO ELEVATION AND FLIGHT PATH (2)(A) SAW OBJECT IN SKY
(B) 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TOWARD SOUTHEAST (C) 05 DEGREES ABOVE
HORIZON (D) STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST (E)
FADED (F) 5 SECONDS (3)(A) GROUND-VISUAL (B) NONE (C) N/A (4)(A)

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242205 OCT 56 (B) DUSK (5) HKGB 5741, PRESQUE ISLE AFB ME (6)(B)
WILSON H. MCMILLAN, T/SGT, DETACHMENT 17, 12TH WEATHER SQDN, WEATHER
FORECASTER, B-2 (7)(A) CAVU. SECTIONS (7)(B) THRU (12), SAME AS PART
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